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SUBJECT: 29TH GA: SECOND COMMITTEE - ITEM 12(A),
SPECIAL SESSION PREPCOM

REFS: (A) USUN 5042, (B) USUN 4937

1. DEPT'S GENERAL REACTION TO RES L/1374 AS TRANSMITTED
REFTEL (A) IS ONE OF CONCERN OVER THE OBJECTIONABLE
REFERENCES AT SEVERAL POINTS TO "THE" NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION,
AND OVER APPARENT ATTEMPT TO DIMINISH EFFECTIVENESS OF
REVIEW AND APPRAISAL EXERCISE AND ECOSOC'S RESPONSIBILITIES
IN IT BY GIVING PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL SESSION
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND ACT SUBSEQUENT TO CONSIDERATION OF
THIS AND RELATED MATTERS AT 59TH SESSION OF ECOSOC.
SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON RES L/1374 FOLLOW. SUGGEST THESE BE
USED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER DELS IN EFFORT TO MODIFY
LANGUAGE OF RES.

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2. IN SECOND PREAMBULAR PARA, INDIRECT QUOTATION FROM

DECLARATION SHOULD READ "A," NOT "THE," NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

3. OPERATIVE PARA 1: U.S. VOTED AGAINST PART III OF ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1911 (LVII), AND WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO "ENDORSE" IT NOW. WE SUGGEST SUBSTITUTING "TAKES NOTE

OF" FOR "ENDORSES."

4. OPERATIVE PARA 2 APPEARS TO US TO PUT TOO MUCH STRESS ON "COMPLETION" OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE LOOK UPON SPECIAL SESSION AS MORE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STIMULATE GREATER UNDERSTANDING ALL AROUND OF RELEVANT ISSUES, AND LESS AN OCCASION FOR SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS. PREFERABLE WORDING WOULD BE "COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION."

5. OPERATIVE PARA 3: IT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO U.S. TO HAVE A MEETING OF PREPCOM FOLLOWING 59TH SESSION ECOSOC. IN FIRST PLACE, THIS WOULD LEAVE INADEQUATE TIME FOR CONSIDERATION BY GOVERNMENTS OF PREPCOM OUTPUT PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF SPECIAL SESSION. ADDITIONAL REASON IS THAT GIVEN IN PARA 1 ABOVE. IN OUR VIEW, TWO SESSIONS OF PREPCOM ARE ADEQUATE, WITH SECOND SESSION HELD IN JUNE 1975 TO REPORT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO 59TH ECOSOC.

6. OPERATIVE PARA 4: AS THIS PARA NOW STANDS, WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY TO LEAD TO REPORT WHICH WILL INADEQUATELY EXPRESS THE VIEWPOINT OF U.S. AND OTHER DC'S REGARDING CONSTRAINTS TO DEVELOPMENT AND LIKELY CONSEQUENCES OF VARIOUS POLICIES CURRENTLY BEING PURSUED AND ADVOCATED BY MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SYG SHOULD SOLICIT THE VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES IN PREPARING THIS REPORT AND COLLABORATE ALSO WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF UNDP. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC ISSUES LISTED THIS PARA, SO LONG AS WE CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE SYG REPORT WILL BE BALANCED AND NOT REPRESENT SOLELY THE VIEWPOINT OF G-77. WE DO NOT, OF COURSE, WANT TO SEE EITHER THIS REPORT OR THE DISCUSSION AT THE SPECIAL SESSION PROCEED ON THE PREMISE THAT THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAM OF ACTION DEFINE THE BASIS FOR THE CONDUCT OF INTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS BY GOVERNMENTS, AS WE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT PREMISE. WE WOULD THEREFORE STRONGLY PREFER, AS A MINIMUM, THAT THE PARA REFER TO ESTABLISHMENT OF "A" NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, RATHER THAN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION.

7. OPERATIVE PARA 5: WE ACCEPT IDEA OF EXPERT GROUP FOR STRUCTURAL STUDY AND BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE GIVEN BROAD

MANDATE TO ASSESS UN SYSTEM STRUCTURAL CHANGES WITH VIEW TO MAKING SYSTEM A MORE EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT OF WORLD ECONOMIC COOPERATION. LATTER HALF THIS PARA, BEGINNING WITH "...TAKING INTO ACCOUNT," IS TOO DIRECTIVE AND IS UNACCEPTABLE TO EXTENT THAT IT TIES PROPOSED STUDY TO IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM OF ACTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF "THE" NIEO. WE DO NOT AGREE WITH VIEW (REFTEL B) THAT THIS EXPERT GROUP ACTIVITY WOULD DISPLACE PROPOSED

JACKSON STUDY. WE LOOK UPON JACKSON STUDY AS INTERNAL UN STUDY THAT COULD PROCEED APACE WITH THAT OF EXTERNAL EXPERT GROUP, WITH RESULTS OF BOTH TO BE AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL SESSION. WE CONTINUE TO URGE EXPANDED SCOPE FOR JACKSON STUDY.

8. OPERATIVE PARA 6: COMMENTS ABOVE RE OPERATIVE PARA 3 APPLY HERE. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT ANY DISCUSSION REGARDING TARGETS AND ACCOUNTABILITY SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN CRA AND ECOSOC, AND NOT IN THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL EXERCISE, ALONG WITH OTHER UN ACTIVITIES BEARING ON THE THEME OF SPECIAL SESSION, SHOULD OF COURSE BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY PREPCOM IN PLANNING FOR THE SESSION. HOWEVER, WE STRONGLY OF OPINION THAT ECOSOC ITSELF, AND NOT PREPCOM, HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR FORMULATING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON R AND A EXERCISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT SPECIAL SESSION. INGERSOLL

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